

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Anyone else wish to be recognized? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Labedz?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam Chairman. As I said before, and I keep repeating it, and I'm sorry to do that, but it's very important to me, because I feel that all five county commissioners that we have now are accountable to each and every person in Douglas County. And we've got to remember that Douglas County is a very large populated county. And there are things that are happening outside the City of Omaha that people are vitally interested in, and yet they will only have one representative. And if there...as is happening now on 60th and Q Street, they want to put a landfill, and I'm receiving mail and strong opposition to a landfill on 60th and Q. And I believe that every county commissioner should be available or allowed to vote on whether or not we should have a landfill on 60th and Q Street, or whether or not there should be anything. I had the same problem with the City Council. Our representative from south Omaha voted with us all the time and still does. But it is very, very distressing for the people in Douglas County when we only have one representative that will be on our side for anything that is happening. Actually, the Douglas County Commissioners do not do anything legislatively as much as the City Council does. They're strictly administrative. And I doubt very much whether the people of Douglas County will appreciate the fact that eventually the salary is going to go up close to 25,000 to have seven county commissioners being paid \$25,000, plus their staff. And, as I said before, there is no room now for five county commissioners plus the staff, they're very crowded. But we're going to have to go through a lot of expense to put two more additional county commissioners on staff...and their staff, if this bill should happen to go with seven county commissioners. Senator Chambers, at first, wanted nine, which would make the districts very small. It is amended now to seven. And I prefer to have the five and elect them...nominate them by district, and elect them in the general election at large. I urge the members of the body to adopt the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labedz. We will now vote on the Labedz amendment to the amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Morrissey.